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NORTH CAROLINA POWERBALL PLAYERS WIN NEARLY A HALF MILLION DOLLARS WEDNESDAY

-Powerball Player From January 27 Collects \$1 Million Prize-

RALEIGH- More than 14,000 North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) Powerball players won prizes totaling \$479,077 in Wednesday's drawing. Four of those players won big prizes ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000. All four actually won \$10,000 by matching four of the five white balls and the Powerball, but two players chose to Power Play to increase their winnings to \$40,000. The multiplier for the drawing was four.

Also this week, a Powerball player from the January 27 drawing claimed his prize worth \$1 million. Steven Bowers of Siler City purchased the winning ticket at Kangaroo Express # 218 at 1130 N. Horner Boulevard in Sanford. Bowers won \$200,000 by matching all five white balls. He chose the Power Play feature to increase his winnings to \$1 million. The multiplier for the drawing was five.

A "Carolina Cash 5" winner who matched all five white balls in the January 20 drawing claimed his prize Wednesday worth \$244,123. Irvin Edwards III of Fayetteville purchased the ticket at Kangaroo Express #3034 at 5201 Raeford Rd. in Fayetteville. In the past three days, "Carolina Pick 3" players won a total of \$516,810 in prizes and instant scratch-off ticket players collected more than \$2 million in prizes.

Winners from the January 31 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown		\$40,000	Short Stop #67 105 Olive Rd., Fayetteville
Unknown		\$40,000	Buy & Go #6 808 N. College Rd., Wilmington
Unknown		\$10,000	Family Fare #217 2300 E. Market St., Greensboro
Unknown		\$10,000	Oakview Groceries 5659 N.C. Highway 62 South Yanceyville

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Winners in the January 27 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner Purchased</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was</u>
Steven Bowers	Siler City	\$1 million	Kangaroo Express #218 1130 Horner Blvd., Sanford
Glenda Craig	Sherrill's Ford	\$50,000	Buffalo Shoals Supermarket 2887 Buffalo Shoals Rd., Newton
Lanny Davis	Reidsville	\$10,000	Fairway One Stop #14 1055 Randolph St., Thomasville

Winner in the January 28 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner Purchased</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was</u>
Edward Barber	Fayetteville	\$34,702	Kangaroo Express # 3144 6489 Yadkin Rd., Fayetteville

Winner in the January 20 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Irvin Edwards III	Fayetteville	\$244,123	Kangaroo Express #3034 5201 Raeford Rd., Fayetteville

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winner:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Donna Bartow	Arden	\$35,000	"Bingo"

For more information about the NCEL, visit its Web site at www.nc-educationlottery.org or call (919) 715-6886.

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